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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between First French Army and Seventh US Army (effective 261200A):
As before to BRUMATH Q9814 (to First Fr Army) - HAGUENAU R0424 - railroad line to SOULTZ-SOUS-FORETS R1037 - along railroad to railroad junction R1747 - along railroad to intersection with ERLER River vicinity of R2836 thence along the ERLER River to its confluence with the RHINE River in area R4558 (all to Seventh Army).

Boundary between VI and XXI Corps: Q9265 - WERNBERSBERG R1465 - LANDAU R2766 - R3670 - R4284 - DANNSTADT R4292.

Boundary between VI and XV Corps: DANNSTADT R4292 - M4200 - FRANKENTHAL M4504 - RHINE River vicinity of M4905 (XXI Corps pinched out at DANNSTADT R4292).

Temporary boundary between Seventh and Third Armies (effective 260001A): As before GIMBSHEIM M4631 thence ROSSDORF M7340 - DIEBURG M7945 - BABENHAUSEN M8752 - ASCHAFFENBURG N0154 (all to Seventh Army).

Boundary between III and V Corps (effective at once): Present boundary to WEILBURG G3709 (excl) - LAHN River at G3711 - thence along LAHN River to G6420 - GIESSEN G6621 - G7321 - G7724 (all incl III Corps).

Boundary between III and VII Corps (effective at once): Present boundary to MERKENBACH G3928 (incl VII Corps) - ALTENKIRCHEN G5131 (incl III Corps) - NDR. WEIDBACH G5234 (incl VII Corps) - G5637 - G7040 - along railroad to G7345 - G7747.

Boundary between XII British Corps and XVIII US Airborne Corps: RHINE River in the vicinity of A1741 - CR A1742 - A1642 - stream at A1643 - line of stream to A1743 - line of stream to A1645 - RJ A1545 - road and railroad crossing A1946 - railroad in area A2247 (all to XVIII US Abn Corps) - RJ A2448 thence along road to BRUNEN A2748 - A2747 - CR A2947 - stream A2947 - line of stream to A3249 - CR A3449 - RJ A3449 - CR A3659 (all to XII Corps).

Boundary between XII British Corps and XXX British Corps: As before to A0847 - stream at A0949 - line of stream to A1050 - RJ A1050 - RJ A1252 - RJ A1253 (all to XII Corps) - CR A1353 - CR A1454 - CR A2059 (all to XXX Corps) - RJ A2160 (to XII Corps) - CR A2260 (to XXX Corps) - A2361 - RJ A2362 (both to XII Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (261200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. 1st French Armored Division. (Less CC2 and with 35th and 153d Inf Regts atchd). Continued to relieve the 2d Moroccan Division.

II French Corps. Combat Command "2" 1st French Armored Division. No change. 2d Moroccan Division. Continued movement to a division assembly area in the vicinity of TRUCHTERSHEIM Q9007.

SEVENTH ARMY. 70th Division and 13th Armored Division. No change.

VI Corps. Groupment Monsabert. Advanced two and one-half miles to the RHINE River along the line R3842 - R4146 and the line R4149 - R4557 against light opposition. The Groupment Monsabert reverted to command of the First French Army at 261200A. Front line change: RHINE River line R3842 - R4146 and R4149 - R4557. 36th Division. The 141st Infantry commenced the relief of the 14th Armored Division along the line of the RHINE River from GERMERSHEIM R4669 inclusive north to

R5279 exclusive. Commenced the relief of the 5th Infantry (71st Div) in the vicinity of R4372. 103d Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of R2862. 4th and 42d Divisions. Relieved from attachment to VI Corps and attached to XXI Corps.

XXI Corps. 10th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of R2876. 12th Armored Division. Commenced movement to a division assembly area in the vicinity of R3885. 71st and 100th Divisions. Relieved from attachment to XXI Corps and attached to VI Corps.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Crossed the RHINE River at 260230A and seized a bridgehead five miles deep on an eight-mile front against strong resistance from anti-aircraft and self-propelled guns which was soon overcome. The 30th Infantry captured LAMPERTHEIM M5311 and BURSTADT M5216. The 7th Infantry captured SANDHOFEN M5105 and occupied the FRIESEHEIMER INSEL M5202 south to M5203. Front line change: M5203 - SANDHOFEN M5105 - M5406 - LAMPERTHEIM M5311 - BURSTADT M5216. 45th Division. Crossed the RHINE River at 260230A and seized a bridgehead up to four and one-half miles in depth on a seven-mile front. By-passed HOFHEIM M4817 and reached BOBSTADT M5118. Captured GR ROHRHEIM M5324 and KL ROHRHEIM M5426 against moderate opposition; GERNESHEIM M5428 was captured against stubborn resistance. Front line change: M4717 - BOBSTADT M5118 - GR ROHRHEIM M5323 - KL ROHRHEIM M5426 - GERNESHEIM M5428.

21 ARMY GROUP. NINTH US ARMY. (262400A). XIX Corps. 95th Division. (Less 377th RCT). Attached to XIII Corps effective 261800A. 113th Cavalry Group. Attached to XIII Corps.

XIII Corps. Assumed responsibility for the former XIX Corps zone at 261800A.

XVI Corps. 35th Division. The 134th Regimental Combat Team was attached to the 79th Division. The division continued movement into the bridgehead area. 79th Division. (With 134th RCT atchd). Gained one to three miles on a three-mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: A3327 - A3428 - A3527 - A3528 - A3629 - A3730 - A3731 - A3732 - A3833. 75th Division. The 290th Infantry was attached to the 30th Division. The remainder of the division continued movement into the bridgehead. 30th Division. (With 290th Inf atchd). Gained up to three miles on a five-mile front against moderate resistance, except in GAHLEN A4041 where heavy house-to-house fighting continued. Front line change: A3834 - A3835 - A4135 - A4037 - A4038 - A3738 - A4040 - GAHLEN A4041 - A3740 - LIPPE River A3741. 8th Armored Division. Commenced movement into the bridgehead area at 262400A.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. No change.

XVIII US Airborne Corps. 17th US Airborne Division. (With 1st Commando Bde atchd). Gained up to three miles on a six-mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: A3239 - A2941 - A2942 - A2647. 6th British Airborne Division. Advanced one mile southeast and made contact with the 17th US Airborne Division at A2647.

XII Corps. 15th Division. (With 157th Bde atchd). Gained up to one-half mile on the division front. Captured HAFEN A1149 and reached RINGENBERG A2249 where house-to-house fighting took place against heavy resistance. One battalion crossed the ISSEL River in the vicinity of A2053. The division relieved elements of the 4th Armored Brigade in the vicinity of A1750. Front line change: RINGENBERG A2249 - A2150 - A2053 - A1952 - A1751 - A1650 - A1550 - A1150. 53d Division. Crossed into the bridgehead area.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. (With 9th Bde atchd). Made a slight advance on a one-mile front. Contact with the 15th Division was made at A1051. Front line change: A1051 - A1052 and A1056 - A0957. 43d Division. (With 9th Cdn Bde atchd). Advanced two miles against heavy resistance, captured a bridge and repelled a small counterattack in the vicinity of A0757. Front line change: A0757 - A0658 - A0558. 3d Canadian Division. (Less 9th Cdn Bde). Continued movement into the bridgehead.

II Canadian Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I Canadian Corps and I British Corps. No change.

AIR. (26 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 337 bombers against a synthetic oil plant and a tank plant in Germany. 330 aircraft dropped 778.7 tons of general purpose and 114 tons of incendiary bombs on assigned targets and several targets of opportunity. 17 bombers were lost. 359 P51s sortied in support of the bomber operations and 118 P51s sortied on freelance missions. 3 fighters were lost. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 287 bombers against two marshalling yards in Germany. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,128 sorties. Claims included 4 enemy aircraft, 553 motor transport, 67 locomotives and 847 railroad cars.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Scattered, intermittent rain. Clouds: Scattered to broken clouds. Visibility: One-half mile at dawn, improving to 3 to 4 miles by 1200A and becoming 5 to 8 miles during the afternoon. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 52° F. Minimum 39° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 80th Division. Commenced move to assembly area vicinity SCHWABENHEIM M2648. 3d Cavalry Group. Closed in the vicinity of KRIEGSFELD M1323.

XII Corps. 26th Division. (Less 328th Inf). Advanced nineteen miles northeast to SELIGENSTADT M8861. Captured OFFENTHAL M7253, URBERNACH M7653 and OBR. RODEN M7853. The 2d Cavalry Group reverted to corps control. Front line change: SELIGENSTADT M8861 - M8862 - M8764. 90th Division. Advanced nine miles northeast on a four-mile front and mopped up pockets of resistance. Front line change: M7963 - M7764 - M7565. 6th Armored Division. Advanced six miles on an eight-mile front. Entered OFFENBACH M7367 and captured SACHSENHAUSEN M6867, NIEDERRAD M6566 and SCHWANHEIM M6165. Captured a damaged bridge over the MAIN River in the vicinity of M6466 and had some foot troops across at the close of the period. The 104th Infantry reverted to the 26th Division. Front line change: OFFENBACH M7367 - SACHSENHAUSEN M6867 - NIEDERRAD M6566 - M6467 - SCHWANHEIM M6165. 5th Division. Advanced eight miles northeast and mopped up resistance in the MONCHWALD M5659 and the FRANKFURTER STADT WALD M6362 in rear of the 6th Armored Division. One battalion crossed to north bank of the MAIN River in the vicinity of M6467. 2d Cavalry Group. Patrolled the corps south flank east to WEMBACH M7534 and relieved the 5th Division on the line of the MAIN River west of M5663. Front line change: M5561 - M5258.

VIII Corps. 89th Division. Advanced up to six miles southeast on a five-mile front and reached WEISEL M0468. Front line change: WEISEL M0468 - M1171. 87th Division. Advanced six miles east on a twelve-mile front. Captured KEHLBACH M0184, DAHLHEIM L9779, GEMMERICH M0181 and WINTERWERB M0082. Front line change: M0181 - M0183 - M0185 - M0186.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 9th Armored Division. (With the 38th Inf atchd). Advanced up to twenty-five miles east and crossed the LAHN River on a ten-mile front. Captured LIMBURG M2398, DIEZ M1997 and WEILBURG (west of river) G3709. Front line change: GACKENBACH M0996 - LANGENSCHIED M1595 - DIEZ M1997 - LIMBURG M2398 - M3295 - M3496 - M3796 - M4298 - G3600 - WEILBURG G3709. 2d Division. (Less 38th Inf). Mopped up in rear of the 9th Armored Division. Advanced up to four miles east on a four-mile front and cleared resistance from MONTABAURER STADT WALD G0202 west of the line G0501 - G0406. 69th Division. 272d Infantry passed to corps control. 272d Infantry (69th Div) and 102d Cavalry Group. Operated under corps control. Advanced five miles south on an eight-mile front, captured HUBINGEN M0795 and reached LAHN River at BAD EMS L9892. Front line change: L9195 - L9496 - BAD EMS L9892 - HUBINGEN M0795.

III Corps: 7th Armored Division. Advanced up to twenty-eight miles on a nine-mile front. Reached OBERBIEL G4917 and captured EDINGEN G4126 and FLEISBACH G4027. Front line change: OBERBIEL G4917 - EDINGEN G4126 - FLEISBACH G4027 - G4123. 99th Division. Continued mopping up pockets of resistance in the rear of the 7th Armored Division. 9th Division. Advanced fifteen miles east on a five-mile front against light and scattered resistance. Captured ALPENROD G0926. Front line change: G1019 - ALPENROD G0926.

VII Corps: 3d Armored Division. (With 414th Inf atchd). Advanced fifteen miles east against light to moderate resistance. Front line change: HACHENBURG G0729 - G0731 - G1234 - G1835 - G0134 - GIESENHAUSEN F9833 - F9635. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf). Advanced six miles east and mopped up resistance in the rear of the 3d Armored Division. 1st Division. Advanced north to the SIEG River west of F8440 and advanced four miles east on a three mile front. Front line change: F8635 - F8836 - F8738 - F8639 - F8539 - F8439 - F8340 - F8041.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 86th Division. Began to close in the vicinity of COLOGNE F4560 and DUREN F1245. 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 97th and 106th Divisions. All no change.

XXII Corps. Began move to GREVENBROICH F1977.

XXIII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 262400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	65,957	268,771	35,380	9,290	379,398
Non-battle					231,709
Total Casualties					661,107

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group

VI Corps
3d Division
36th Division
44th Division
70th Division
71st Division
103d Division
13th Armored Division
14th Armored Division

LANPAU R2766
BOBENHEIM M4510
HERXHEIM R3561
R1090
LANSTUHL Q8890
DURENHOFEN R4779
KLINGENMUNSTER R2060
ZWEIBRUCKEN Q7272
SCHWEIGHOFEN R1949

21 Army Group

35th Division
53d Division
79th Division
8th Armored Division

DINSLAKEN A3029
A1847
A3029
A1526

12th Army Group

1st Division
2d Division
5th Division
9th Division
26th Division
86th Division
90th Division
99th Division
104th Division
3d Armored Division
4th Armored Division
6th Armored Division
9th Armored Division

F8035
HOHR GRENZHAUSEN F9504
TREBUR M4847
OBERSTEINEBACH F8321
DARMSTADT M6642
F3646
GRAFENHAUSEN M6248
F8415
FLAMMERSFELD F8527
G0633
ROSSDORF M7340
MORFELDEN M5953
ELZ G2101

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